

House Bill 2264

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SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Authorizes Department of Transportation to increase rate of reimbursement for reduced-tuition traffic safety education courses provided to low-income students by public school, commercial driver training school or county. Requires department to adopt rules governing reduced tuition and reimbursement. Requires provider that receives tuition reimbursement to notify students of availability of reduced tuition.

Authorizes department to offer incentives for providers to offer traffic safety education courses in specified geographic areas within Oregon. Permits department to provide or contract for courses under certain conditions.

Authorizes department to impose sanctions against providers of traffic safety education courses who violate traffic safety education provisions or rules of the department.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to traffic safety education; creating new provisions; and amending ORS 336.805.

3 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

4 **SECTION 1.** ORS 336.805 is amended to read:

5 336.805. (1) The Department of Transportation shall reimburse a public school, commercial
6 driver training school or county for the cost of providing a [*course of*] traffic safety education
7 **course** that is certified by the department. **Except as provided in subsection (2) of this section**
8 **and section 3 of this 2013 Act**, the amount of the reimbursement may not exceed \$210 for each
9 pupil completing the course and shall be made in the manner provided by ORS 336.810.

10 **(2) If a public school, commercial driver training school or county that provides a traffic**
11 **safety education course certified by the department offers reduced tuition based on the in-**
12 **come of the pupil or of the pupil's family, the department may reimburse the provider for**
13 **the reduction. By rule, the department shall establish one or more levels of reduced tuition,**
14 **eligibility criteria for receiving reduced tuition and conditions for receiving reimbursement**
15 **for reduced tuition. Any provider that receives reimbursement under this subsection must**
16 **give notice of the availability of reduced tuition based on income, in all advertisements and**
17 **printed informational material for the course and on all websites maintained for the course.**

18 [(2)] (3) If funds available to the department for the Student Driver Training Fund are not ade-
19 quate to pay all approved claims in full, public schools, commercial driver training schools and
20 counties shall receive a pro rata reimbursement that is based upon the ratio that the total amount
21 of funds available bears to the total amount of funds required for maximum allowable reimburse-
22 ment.

23 [(3)] (4) A public school, commercial driver training school or county seeking reimbursement
24 under this section may not charge tuition in an amount that is greater than:

25 (a) For a public school or county, the cost to the public school or county of providing the traffic
26 safety education course less the state reimbursement.

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 (b) For a commercial driving school, an amount determined by the department by rule.

2 [(4) A public school, commercial driver training school or county seeking reimbursement under this
3 section may reduce or waive tuition for low income pupils. A public school, commercial driver training
4 school or county offering reduced or waived tuition to low income pupils shall adopt written policies
5 and procedures regarding reduced or waived tuition for low income pupils.]

6 (5) Each public school, commercial driver training school or county seeking reimbursement un-
7 der this section must keep accurate records of the cost of the traffic safety education course in the
8 manner required under rules adopted by the department under ORS 802.345.

9 **SECTION 2.** Sections 3 and 4 of this 2013 Act are added to and made a part of ORS 336.790
10 to 366.815.

11 **SECTION 3.** (1) If the Department of Transportation determines that a traffic safety
12 education course is not available to the inhabitants of a specific geographic area within this
13 state, the department may offer incentives for providers to offer courses to inhabitants of
14 the area, including:

15 (a) Waiver of conditions and requirements that are otherwise applicable to providers for
16 the purposes of courses offered to inhabitants of the area; and

17 (b) Reimbursement rates that are higher than those provided for in ORS 336.805 for
18 courses offered to inhabitants of the area.

19 (2) If the department determines that a traffic safety education course will not be avail-
20 able to the inhabitants of a specific geographic area within this state despite any incentives
21 offered under subsection (1) of this section, the department may provide a traffic safety ed-
22 ucation course in the area, or contract with any public or private entity to provide the
23 course on behalf of the department within the area. The costs of providing a traffic safety
24 education course under this subsection shall be paid from the Student Driver Training Fund.

25 **SECTION 4.** (1) The Department of Transportation may impose sanctions against the
26 provider of a traffic safety education course certified under ORS 802.345 if the department
27 determines that the provider has violated any provision of ORS 336.790 to 336.815 or any rule
28 adopted by the department under ORS 336.790 to 336.815.

29 (2) Sanctions that may be imposed under this section include, but are not limited to:

30 (a) A warning;

31 (b) Reduction or denial of reimbursement under ORS 336.805; and

32 (c) Suspension or revocation of certification under ORS 802.345.

33 (3) For the purpose of deciding appropriate sanctions under this section, the department
34 may consider the severity of the violation, the impact of the violation on pupils and public
35 safety, the number of similar or related violations by the provider, whether the violation was
36 willful and the history of prior sanctions imposed against the provider.

37 (4) Sanctions under this section are in addition to any other penalty provided by law.

38 **SECTION 5.** ORS 802.345 is added to and made a part of ORS 336.790 to 366.815.
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